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3E, PANAMA (SPECIAL PREFIX). Gunther, HP1XVH, currently active on IOTA **NA-072** (ed. Island was not provided) states he will be using the special callsign **3E1DX**, **October 20-31st** during the **CQWW Contest**. QSL via KF0UI (John in Missouri).

5V, TOGO (UPDATE). The Voodoo Contest Group which will be active from here in **November** (read OPDX.261) has announced their new **5V5A** Web Site page for the upcoming expedition to Togo in West Africa. The site is at:

<http://www.getnet.com/~kf7ay/5v5a.html>

The WWW page has details on the team of ten who will enter the **CQ World-Wide DX CW Contest on November 23-24th** from **Togo** signing **5V5A**. Six stations will be active along with 17 antennas on the hotel roof to enter as a Multi/Multi entry. The page also contains information about previous expeditions, the WW contest, operating site, transportation and logistics, their QSL routes (including bureau requests via e-mail), tips on making a QSO in the contest, best times and bands to work Togo from each major area, and much more. The expertise of Dr. Warren Hill, KF7AY, who constructed the page provides many photographs, maps, QSL cards, interesting details and graphics. As the project unfolds, they will post updated news items to the "Flash" section every few days. Please feel free to visit the site from time to time to stay in touch.

5R, MADAGASCAR. Jean Michel, F6AJA, is back in France after his **5R8FI** operation and says he will have his QSL cards printed as soon as possible. He also mentions that Gerard will stay there, as **5R8EN**, until the **middle of October** and can continue to make QSOs on RTTY. Jean has the 5R8EN logs up to September 7th (with the **5R8EN/P** logs from **Nosy Bé**) and is preparing a short 5R8EN/P story.

5X, UGANDA (On RS-12). Peter, **5X1T** (ON6TT), reports he has some windows to work him on the RS-12 satellite (+/- 1900-2000z) for the next couple of days. Peter states the window

only covers him and Europe.

A35, TONGA (UPDATE). Paul Kidd, **A35RK**, reports his station is down now on **Nuku'alofa**, in preparation for departure for **Lifuka Island** this coming Tuesday (**17 Sept**). He will resume operation (probably around **October 1st**), it will be from the village of Holopeka, Lifuka Island, Ha'apai Island Group (**IOTA OC-169**). His QSL Manager is still W7TSQ (via his CBA or via W7 buro). Paul wants me to tell the OPDX readers that the A3 QSL Bureau is now totally defunct...and he is not even sure if they have a Post Office Box anymore. Also, Paul states: "Don't waste your time and money sending cards to the A3 buro. I don't know where the incoming cards are....All I can tell you for sure is that I don't have them, and I don't know where to get them. If you work an A35 station, get his QSL info, because that's the **ONLY** way you're gonna get a card!"

D2, ANGOLA. Alex, PA3DZN (aka WH2L, 9Q2L, TR2L, 9X5EE), expects to be active in **early October** from **Luanda** for a duration of a minimum of 6 months. He plans to use his TS-50 and R7 (10 - 40m), but a Force-12 C4 beam and a 600W amplifier will be shipped to Luanda as well. For 80 and 160 meters, he will try to install the usual wire antennas, the environment permitting. Operation will be on CW, CW, CW, RTTY, and SSB. QSL information "TO BE ANNOUNCED". (Please do not assume any of his previous QSL routes for other operations). The callsign "TO BE ANNOUNCED"; upon arrival, after he sorts some things out with the PTT.

FP, ST. PIERRE ISLAND (ed. This one may be just a tad earlier...HI!). Jack, N1REU, announced plans to activate this one the **3rd week of August 1997**. He doesn't have an op list, but he is working on it. If you have any questions or comments about his plans, just please E-mail Jack (n1reu@contesting.com). He mentioned that these are just preliminary plans, no definates yet, but he will keep an up-to-date list of plans on a WEB page for the expedition. The address will be: <http://www.cris.com/~Jackhamm/FP.html>

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Be on the lookout for Niki, DH2JD, to be active as **DH2JDX/HI3** for the next three years. His activity will be mainly on the weekends at 1830z on 14272 kHz running.

IOTA NEWS. Tony, WF1N, and LOU, KA1DIG, will be on **Appledore Island (NA-148, Isles of Shoals)**, **September 20-23rd**. Activity will be on or near the IOTA frequencies. They will pay special attention to 40 meters: 7160-7190 kHz (Listening down for DX) and 7260-7290 kHz (for USA). QSL direct to home calls or via bureau.

J3, GRENADA (Need another operator). IV3NVN, IV3TMV, W8KKF, W9IXX, WA8LOW and WB8GEX will be active from **October 23-29th**. The group will be active as **J3A** in the **CQWW SSB Contest** and is looking for another operator. Contact Harry, W8KKF, at 513/434-9616. Also it is reported that Joe, WB8GEX, is planning to install a beacon for 6 meters with 2.5 watts. QSL J3A via WA8YOW.

JD, OGASAWARA. Eiji, JQ1SUO, has announces that he will be active from here **December 16th to January 3rd** as **JQ1SUO/JD1**. His operations will be on: CW - 1909-10, 3505, 7005, 10107 and 14025 kHz and SSB - 3795, 3800, 7050, 14240 and 14200 kHz. He will look for USA stations between 2200 and 0000z on 14240 kHz. QSL to CBA.

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY. Bill, **KG4GC** (KQ4GC), and Jan, **KG4QD** (WA4VQD), will be active **September 27th to October 4th**. They will be active on all bands to include SSB, CW and RTTY. Bill and Jan will join Rusty, **KG4AU**, as a Multi/Single high power entry in the **CQWW RTTY Contest September 28-29th**. Contest call will be **KG4GC**. QSL with SASE to home calls. Also, Larry, WB6VGI, is currently active as **KG4ML** until **September 24th or 25th**. He is using a TS-50 and operating primarily on the WARC bands with brief excursions to 40/80 meters CW when WARC bands are down. He has no plans on operating on the other bands except to chase down new countries for his DXCC from there.

KH7 CONFUSION (not Kure Island!). Lee, KH6BZF, wants to remind OPDX readers that the FCC has started issuing **KH7 licenses to Hawaiian Amateurs**. KH7 callsigns have been appearing on the bands in the last week or so.

KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (Operator Needed). The Clay County DX Association (CCDXA), located in north Florida, will be Multi/Single entry in **CQWW SSB this October from St. Croix**. At present time they have five operators (KD6WW, KQ4GC, AE4FY, AB4NS and KX8N). There is room for one more!!! If you would like to go or receive more information please call, Bill KQ4GC, at 904-282-9925.

OZ, LAESOE ISLAND (North-Denmark). DL8HCO, DJ9RR, DH1LAD and DK7XS will be activate from **EU-088, October 6-11th**. Operations will be on all bands CW/SSB. Check the IOTA frequencies. They plan to be active around the clock. Callsigns are OZ/Homecall and QSL via bureau or direct.

QSL INFORMATION AND NEWS....

- Rich, **WA9BXB**, has been recently getting cards for **TI1C**, **TI2CF** and **TI4CF**. **He is not their manager** and he was told by two people that he is listed in the new Callbook CD Rom as manager for **TI1C** which is **incorrect**. However, Rich is the **QSL Manager** for the following: **VK3MO**, **TI2/N9IUO**, **TI2IDX** and **TI4IDX**. Also, Rich states he is willing to manage another moderately active DX station that needs a manager. Rich is willing to pay for all QSL cards.
- There has been a QSL Manager change in the upcoming **ZV0MB** and **ZV0MV** DXpedition. PT2DX was announced earlier as manager, but his address is not in the current callbook. So, to make things easier for DXers, **PT2GTI** was announced as QSL Manager for the **Martim Vaz Island DXpedition**. QSLs go to P.O. Box 09647, BRASMLIA (DF), 70001-970. For more information on this DXpedition read OPDX.269.
- LY2ZZ states QSLs for **LY0HQ** are to be sent to **LY2ZZ**. The **Danish QSL Bureau** has changed their address to: E.D.R. QSL BUREAU, Klokkestoebervej 11, DK 5230 Odense M., Denmark.
- Lee, ZL2AL, reports to OPDX, that they are still processing cards for **ZL8RI DXpedition**..... over 6000 direct mail QSLs have been sent out to date. Lee states, "It is a hard task, but every QSO is checked on CT and verified. QSLs will not be sent for non-existent QSOs! We ask all who worked us to please be patient. Every valid contact will be QSLed. Five of us are working hard and abusive letters by some hams do not help our frame of minds when we are burning the midnight oil. QSLs for ZL8RI are still via **ZL2HU**." Lee also mentions that he is the QSL Manager for **ZL7AA** 1993 operation and cards can be sent to ZL7AA, POB 54, Hastings, New Zealand.

- Dan W4BRE, states that Carl, N4AA (of "QRZ-DX,"), has now completely caught-up with all USA requests (see exceptions below). He has now been answering requests, usually on the day they come in. Exceptions: There are several discrepancies where a station's call is not in the COMPUTER for a particular band/mode, etc. but this does not mean the station is "Not In The Log!!" Approx. 38,500 plus contacts were entered into the computer *after* the return to Kiev from Libya, so it's understandable if a few didn't get entered. Carl should have his hands on the PAPER logs very soon and hopefully will be able to resolve most cases where he cannot find someone's call in the computer. ADDED NOTE: The complete news release by Dan will be sent to all OPDX InterNet subscribers.

VK0, MACQUARIE ISLAND. Warren, **VK0WH**, will be leaving on the next ship, so any mail should now go to his home address. He is presently snowed under with work and amateur radio will have to take a backseat for now. Warren currently has made 1200 QSOs with about 50 countries, but NO FEAR, another operator is on his way. **VK0GW** is reportedly to be with the next crew on Macquarie. Details about his equipment and operating times should be forthcoming.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. The North Florida DX Association will be returning to **Provo** for the **CQWW SSB Contest**. They will arrive **October 22nd and depart on October 29th**. The callsign they will be using during the contest is **VP5DX**. Operators will be AB4UF, N4KE, NO4J, NF4L, W3ZNB, and K4UTE. QSL via K4UTE. PLEASE - NO QSLs via the VP5 Bureau, U.S. Bureau is OK via K4UTE. This will be a Multi-Single effort.

VP9, BERMUDA. Fred, K1EFI, will be heading here for his annual September vacation, and once again he will be operating as **K1EFI/VP9** from **Sandys Parish**. Operations will be from **September 26th to October 8th**, mostly on CW, all bands. QSLs go to the home call.

VR96-VS96, HONG KONG (Special prefixes for Hong Kong). According to Brett, VS2BG (President of HART, the Hongkong Amateur Radio Transmitting Society), the Hong Kong Government Office of the Telecommunications Authority will be allowed to use several prefixes to commemorate the transfer of sovereignty over the territory from the United Kingdom to the People's Republic of China on 1 July 1997. At the request of HARTS, Hong Kong amateurs will be allowed to change the numeral in their callsign to "**96**" in 1996, "**97**" in 1997 & "**98**" in 1998. Amateurs began the use of these new prefixes as of **September 10th**, starting with a contact between VS96BG & VR96GO. HARTS will announce later the details of a new award to be offered to amateurs for contacting stations using these special prefixes.

W9DXCC DX CONVENTION (Review by KB8NW). The reason there was no bulletin last week, was because your editor (along with John, K8YSE) attended the **44th Annual 1996 W9DXCC Convention**. This was John and your editor's first DX Convention. Both of us felt that the Northern Illinois DX Association put on a very good and well organized convention packed with forums, prizes (a lot of prizes... everyone went home with something) and a great program/dinner banquet. Both John and I will probably attend again next year. Here also are a few of my favorite highlights:

- Jim O'Connell, W9WU, was a great MC throughout the day plus kept everyone laughing between forums.
- Bob Heil, K9EID, talk on ZERO-Beating and other Audio Techniques.

- Jim Riff, K9JSC, talk on the XR0Y and XR0Z DXpedition.
- Wayne Mills, N7NG, (Dinner Banquet speaker), talk on "Beyond DXpeditioning: Albania, Myanmar and North Korea".

ZONE 2. Louis, VE2BQB, is currently active from **Iqaluit on Baffin Island (IOTA NA-047) until December 15, 1996, as VE8TA.** he was heard on 20 meters (14173 kHz) around 1745z. QSL via his CBA: VE2BQB, Louis Paquet, 1368 Rang 4, Lac au Saumon, P.Q., G0J 1M0 Canada.

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Regarding the cards sent to the original OM/LZ mgrs, Toly told me on the tel. last night that since Carl is taking care of the USA, and a JA says he is taking care of Japan, Toly is working

on other countries. (If you know of someone who only used the OM/LZ, they'll likely get a card more quickly through N4AA) Toly is greatly appreciative for those who put in more than "po\$tage" to the OM/LZ, so all you need is an SASE to N4AA.

Carl-N4AA cannot help with a card for the Libyan National's operations which have been continuing since Toly left in July '95. The DX bulletins are giving possible routes for them. And, some are able to get a card by going directly to their P.O. Box in Tripoli. Good Luck, and on Toly's behalf thanks to all who helped and are still helping.

73, -dan- W4BRE

Dan Whitsett	I don't know the Key to Success
Our kids can come home	But the key to Failure is to
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